## The ASA School April 20



ASA training facility at Ft. Devens in the 1950s

For decades, officers and enlisted personnel in the Army Security Agency (ASA, predecessor to

INSCOM/Army Intelligence and Security Command) received initial and advanced training at Fort Devens in northwestern Massachusetts. But there was an ASA school before Fort Devens.

The ASA School was established by order on April 21, 1949, at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, and became operational there on August 21. This brought together a number of dispersed education and training activities from several locations.

However, in late 1950, Army leadership decided to relocate the War College to Carlisle from Fort Leavenworth, and the ASA School had to move. Movement of the school facilities began in January 1951 and was completed by mid-April. Fort Devens, about 40 miles northwest of Boston was selected as the new location.

Source: ASA Review, the official bulletin of the Army Security Agency, May-June 1950 and January-February 1951.

508 CAPTION: Aerial view of a quadrangle of buildings that was used for the Army Security Agency School at Fort Devens, Massachusetts.